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## Orleans News Page

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## COMMENCEMENT

Events this Week Close Another Successful Year of Orleans School.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered before the members of the graduating class on Sunday evening at 7:30 by Dr. George Henry Perkins, Dean of the University of Vermont, who took as his subject, "The Relation of Evolution to Religious Thought." It was a fine scholarly address and full of inspiring thought. The following is a resume of the address. "Only two views of creation have ever been held. That of the creation of all things in a limited time by a single act, the formerly held theory and that of evolution, which holds that at first only a few simple forms were created, from which ever since new forms have developed by the action of established laws. On the old view there can be little progress as there is no change. On the new view, progress is constantly seen. Both views are theories, neither can be satisfactorily proved. The real question then is which of the two theories is most in harmony with what we know of God's methods in nature. Evolution is not an invention of modern thought, but found stated in the writings of Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, and in the works of the church fathers through the centuries. It is not an invention of Darwin nor anyone. It is found in nature. Evolution is not Darwinism nor any other ism, but a doctrine of development and progress, which does not depend upon any special theory. Its principles would stand if all present theories fell. Evolution is growth of species with usually, but not necessarily progress, as individuals from individuals, as plant from seed or bird from egg. All animals start from a single cell, as do all plants from which the different forms develop to final complete complexity of structure. Ideas of evolution enter into all our thoughts. God's laws must be regarded not as independent, but as manifestations of His thought. Evolution is the divine method of creation. There is no independent existence but God, no force but that which comes from Him.

Evolution brings before us an ever present, constantly acting God and leaves no place for chance, everything controlled by and a manifestation of the mind of God. Gravity, heat, light, electricity, not independent forces, but God's agents executing His will. Evolutionists regard all things at present incomplete, as making not made. Hence when the evolutionist looks over the world and sees nations degraded, superstitious, men cruel, bestial, he does lose heart. While deploring all that is so terrible and evil he believes that out of even such as this God is able to lead man to higher and better things. But evolution does not teach that progress, development from lower to higher is inevitable, necessary, but only that it is possible. If men as they learn what is good and evil choose evil, only destruction can come to them. Man can progress if he will, but only by struggle. Goodness can be attained only by struggle with and defeat of evil. Man and nations must strive after that which is good or they can never attain it. On the whole evolution involves progress, but that plant or animal that cannot conform to its environment, must perish. In the spiritual realm in which man must live, the same law holds. No nation can at present be regarded as fully developed. Man, tribes, nations are making, not made. Through ignorance and savagery, through false and dreadful beliefs, through pain and struggle, God leads men and nations to a higher and better life, if they will allow him to lead. The universal law is a law of progress and the evolutionist who is also a Christian may realize that man, the final product of evolution, the crown of creation, may go on and on to a noble life, even from glory unto glory, for eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man what he may become." Though the weather was exceedingly warm, a large audience was present. At the close of the address Prof. Perkins gave very practical and helpful admonitions to the graduating class.

Sir Walter Scott's Romance, "Ivanhoe," was presented by the members of the High School in the opera hall last evening to a very good audience. The dramatization was by the members of the sophomore class. The costumes were fine, the stage fittings excellent, and the detailed work showed a thorough interpretation of the romance, all of which was accomplished by the class under the direction of Miss Perry. The characters were all well sustained and many of them well interpreted. The farewell scene between Rebecca and Rowena was especially well rendered. The audience was an appreciative one and the class can congratulate themselves on the success of the play.

Class Day exercises will take place to-morrow afternoon in the opera hall at 2:30. The following is the program: Song, school chorus; welcome, Pearl Arline Dwyer; class history, Preston Chesney Skinner; class prophecy, Bessie Lillian Monteith; class will, Leon Dudley Turnbull; song, "Farewell, High School, Farewell," class. In the evening at 8 o'clock the Juniors will tender a reception to the members of the graduating class.

The following is the program of the Grammar school graduating exercises on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the opera hall: Music, orchestra; prayer; salutatory, Gladys Winget; essay, "The Sampler," Neva Merrill; recitation, "The Bell of Atri," Hazel Wells; essay, "Old Ironsides," Edwin Dudley; class prophecy, Elsie Skinner; essay, "Tennyson and Longfellow," Nellie Gedroe; essay, "A Modern Knight," Robert Wells; music, orchestra; essay, "Starvation in America," Alvin Bullard; recitation, "An Incident in French Canada," Carroll Jenne; class essay, "Our Motto," Howard Bartlett; essay, "Self-reliance as a Teacher," Lillian Emerson; class history, Esther Perley; essay, "New Railway Projects," Dean Matthews; valedictory, Dale Whipple; presentation of diplomas, benediction.

Members of the class are Howard Carlyle Bartlett, Alvin Herbert Bullard, Edwin Eugene Dudley, Lillian Mae Emerson, Nellie Alice Gedroe, Carrol Sargent Jenne, Neva Chase Merrill, Orvis Dean Matthews, Esther Doris Perley, Elsie Emily Skinner, Robert Henry Wells, Hazel Pearl Wells, Dale Marie Whipple, Gladys Mildred Winget.

The high school exercises will take place Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The program and class roll follow. Motto, "I Can," orchestra, prayer, salutatory with essay, "The Fortification of Panama Canal," Fred Augustus Bennett; essay, "The God of the Open Air," Winifred Susan Wilkie; orchestra; essay with valedictory, "The Message of Literature," Clarence Elmer Cole; presentation of diplomas; address, Prof.

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## MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE.

The Memorial sermon was delivered Sunday morning to the G.A.R. and W.R.C. in the opera house by Rev. G. W. Burke. The members of the Post and Relief Corp were escorted to the hall by the Boy Scouts under the direction of James Laughton. A good audience was present and listened to an excellent sermon by Mr. Burke. The choir of both churches assisted in rendering the music.

Tuesday a large audience gathered at the opera house to listen to the address by L. B. Jones of Island Pond. In the opening of his address and throughout the discourse, Mr. Jones referred to the conflict between the North and South as the American war, stating that it was a contest between two Christian armies of the same blood, fighting over a great principle, each believing that they were right according to their interpretation of the constitution. He recalled several incidents of the war to show that while Federalists and Confederates were each striving in every legitimate way to win the victory, they never lost sight of the fact that they were kinsmen, and the officers and privates of each army ever anxious to relieve the suffering of wounded foes on the field of battle.

The chief theme of his speech was the disarmament of nations and settlement of all disputes through an international court of arbitration. He suggested the advantage of using the money now expended by the nations for war protection in building good roads, in promoting industrial education and in elevating the social surroundings of working men.

The speaker referred briefly to the enormous cost of the present method of government ship building as compared with that of private corporations, and commended the President and his cabinet on their attempts to put the management of government affairs on a more business-like basis.

In closing Mr. Jones said: "Mr. Taft was the first to propose to the Hague tribunal that the last barrier to the arbitration of all questions, the limiting phrase, 'excepting the honor and vital interests of either party,' be stricken out. What has been impossible in the past may be possible now. The great nations of the earth are in bondage, and they will soon discover as individuals have discovered that the law is a better remedy than force. One would be rash to attempt to prophesy at the present moment how near the hour is when deliverance from the curse of war shall come, but it is in the hope of seeing that day that the friends of peace will work on with increased faith and energy."

This, my veteran friends, is the fight of the younger generation. As you gave your youthful vigor and energy to the utter annihilation of a great evil, and reunited the states under that beautiful flag of freedom, so may we devote our untiring efforts to banish those grim monsters that patrol our coasts at such an unutterable waste to the treasury of nations, and give our foremost thought and influence to the establishment of the world's peace."

Homer Eaton Keys of Dartmouth College; benediction; orchestra. Class roll, Fred Augustus Bennett, Clarence Elmer Cole, Pearl Arline Dwyer, Bessie Lillian Monteith, Preston Chesney Skinner, Leon Dudley Turnbull, Winifred Susan Wilkie.

The annual reunion and banquet of the Alumni association will be held on Saturday evening in the vestry of the Congregational church, which will be the closing event of commencement week.

## ORLEANS.

John Morley spent Sunday with his parents in Albany.

Miss Jessie Wilson returned to her home in Hancock, N. H.

Lindol French was suffering with a cold and fever last week.

Mrs. Jerre Marston was in Lisbon, N. H., recently visiting friends.

G. J. Gross of Brownington is spending a few days at the Valley House.

Maynard Skinner and family of Newport spent Sunday here with friends.

Miss Jennie Richardson of Littleton, N. H., is visiting Mrs. H. S. Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooker of St. Johnsbury called at the Valley House yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Alva Martin and daughter Grace of Montpelier have been calling on friends in town.

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